

operating table. The bullet lodged in the massive muscles of the chest instead of penetrating the lung."

Mrs. Eoosevelt, who was in New York at the time, received news of the shooting while at a theater and, accompanied by her two daughters, went at once to Chicago,

where she took personal charge of the patient. Dr.

Alexander Lambert, Eoosevelt's family physician, also hastened to Chicago and after examining him said:

"The folded manuscript and heavy steel spectacle case checked and deflected the bullet so that it passed up at such an angle that it went outside the ribs and in the muscles.

If this deflection had not occurred and the bullet gone through the arch of the aorta or auricles of the heart, Colonel

Eoosevelt would not have lived 60 seconds."

In the official bulletin of October 15, the attending surgeons said: "We find him in a magnificent physical condition, due to his regular physical exercise, his habitual abstinence from tobacco and liquor."

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, visited him in the hospital on the day of his arrival, October 15, and to him Eoosevelt dictated the following message to his followers, which the Senator delivered to a large audience at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 17, 1912:

"It matters little about me, but it matters all about the cause we fight for. If one soldier who happens to carry the flag is stricken, another will take it from his hands and carry it on. One after another the standard bearers may be laid low, but the standard itself can never fail.

"You know that personally I did not want

ever to be a  
candidate for office again. And you know that  
only the call  
that came to the men of the 60's made me  
answer it in our  
day as they did more nobly in their day. And  
now, as  
then, it is not important whether one leader  
lives or dies;  
it is important only that the cause shall live  
and win. Tell  
the people not to worry about me, for if I go  
down another  
will take my place. Always the cause is there,  
and it is the  
cause for which the people care, for it is  
the people's  
cause."